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For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**Address to:  
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Application Number	09/671,409
Filing Date	09/27/2000
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Art Unit	2882
Examiner Name	C. Kao
Attorney Docket Number	00SC053US3

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Serial No.: 09/671,409

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Art Unit: 2882

Title: IMAGER WITH ADJUSTABLE RESOLUTION

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## AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003,  
kindly amend the above application as follows:

Claims

Please amend claims 9 and 15 as follows:

9. (thrice amended) A photodetector array with selectable resolution, comprising:

a plurality of photodetectors;

a switching circuit which configures neighboring ones of said photodetectors into active pixels by directly summing at each pixel the outputs of multiple photodetectors into an aggregated pixel output, said photodetector outputs summed at each pixel arranged such that their outputs are switchably connected to a common pixel node, said aggregated pixel output stored on said pixel's intrinsic capacitance prior to being read out;